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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government are not aware of the issue of any such orders to Revenue Divisional Officers, but the officers of the Revenue Department are expected to exercise when necessary the powers conferred on them to enable them to collect the land revenue.

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I know whether the Government officers are taking more coercive steps this year than in previous years?"

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"Government have no information."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know from the Hon. the Revenue Member whether Collectors of districts have issued stringent circulars to their subordinate officers to see that the tax is collected somehow or other?"

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I have no information on the point."

Need for remission of land revenue in Malabar on account of fallen trees.

* 829 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the resettlement rates of land revenue were introduced in Malabar;

(*b*) whether at any time the Government or the Board of Revenue called for reports from the Collector of Malabar in regard to fallen trees and the need for granting temporary or permanent remission; and

(*c*) whether he will be pleased to place on the table of the House the reports received on the subject?

A.—(*a*) Resettlement rates were introduced in fasli 1336 in the Wynad taluk, in fasli 1341 in the taluks of Palghat, Calicut and Walluvanad and in fasli 1342 in the Kurumbranad taluk. They are being introduced in the current fasli in the remaining plains taluks.

(*b*) & (*c*) No such report has been called for by the Government since July 1931. The Government have no information whether the Board of Revenue called for any such report.

Local Self-Government

Alleged irregularities in the conduct of elections to the Chingleput District Board held in June 1932.

* 830 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, in connexion with the elections held in June 1932 to the District Board of Chingleput, the counterfoils relating to the third booth of Uttiramerur and the entire counterfoils of the Kammalampundi booths were missing;